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## THE GRAND BALL

And Reception Which Opened the  
Columbian Week

IN THE CITY OF THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The Magnificent Spectacle Presented at the Auditorium--Four Thousand Distinguished Guests at the Ball. Beautiful Decorations and Splendid Music--Costumes of Some of the Prominent Ladies--The Celebrations by the School Children.

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—A glorious autumn night it was a town filled with people, a city brilliant with light, a metropolis alive with the impulse of an anniversary which none now living will ever see again. Such was Chicago to-night, when the curtain was lifted between the future and the past. Backward 400 years the vista held within a focus the coming of Columbus to western shores. Close in the foreground of the future lay the dedication of the Columbian exposition to the cause of progress among the nations of the earth.

The inaugural of the one and the commemoration of the other was marked to-night by a brilliant reception and ball in the great hall of the auditorium. In behalf of other patrons of the ball, Major General Miles and Mayor Washburne, A. J. Fairbanks and Marshall Field had invited 4,000 prominent citizens of various states to participate in a reception tendered to the President, Vice President and ex-presidents of the United States, the representatives of foreign governments, the governors of the states and other distinguished guests.

While in its conception and conduct the function of to-night was unofficial, it opened the baptismal jubilation of the World's Fair of 1892-3.

Once within the great auditorium the first impression was that resulting from a flood of light diffused almost dazzling to the unaccustomed eyes, and yet it was the soft aggregated glowing of incandescent lamps—myriads of them.

The great steel fire curtain of the stage had been lifted and the stage floor had been extended over the entire orchestra pit. Smooth and tempting to the dancers did it appear. Behind the proscenium arch, the lower tier of boxes had been extended in a circle around the rear of the stage. Above this temporary circle of boxes at its centre were four other boxes occupied by an orchestra. A silken banner of Spain was suspended over the centre of the stage. On either side and immediately over the boxes there were ten banners and bunting each containing the initials of the king and queen of Spain of Columbus's time.

From away down in Alabama wild emulax has been brought—a car load in all—to festoon the faces of balcony and gallery. This was caught up with alternate rosettes of red and yellow ribbon and extended around the boxes on the stage. Above the panels at either side of the proscenium arch were banks of palms and ferns. In the center of the main balcony, entirely hidden by ferns and other plants, Sousa's military band was waiting to furnish the music. And so the great hall greeted the coming throngs; so did its brightness and its last decorations please the eye and satisfy the taste.

The rows of chairs next to the dancing floor had been reserved for the lady patronesses. Mr. George M. Pullman and Gen. Horace Porter were among the early comers, and escorted the ladies to their position. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, in full uniform of his rank, followed soon, and became the centre of gay chatter and comment of the brilliant scene.

From out the foliage in the upper gallery there pealed forth the blare of a trumpet, and quickly afterwards the new marine band broke forth with a march. Simultaneously Congressman A. C. Burdette, with Vice President Morton upon his arm, ascended from the main floor to the floor and followed by a procession of official dignitaries, proceeded with stately heads towards the head of the waiting line, which was to receive them. Gen. and Mrs. Miles were first to receive the vice-president. Next in line came the justices of the supreme court and members of the cabinet, ex-President Hayes followed a moment later.

As the line of officials was growing thin a slight figure with attenuated and ashen face, with kindly eyes was seen approaching across the floor. His only companion was a dark black haired man with easy but comprehensive glance. The first wore the scarlet of the cardinal archbishop. It was Cardinal Gibbons. His companion clad in dark robes and vested with chain and insignia of papal representative was the ambassador of the pope, recently arrived in this country.

The kaleidoscopic brilliancy of the scene was soon resolved to an order of promenade. The band up aloft broke forth again in a stately movement of march time and out of the chaos of bright costumes and flashing jewels two military officers led the way, for the line of grand march into which the moving throng merged itself.

At the close of the march the orchestra took up the strain floating into a quadrille, which set hundreds of feet in rhythmic motion.

At midnight the supper rooms were opened and the genial pleasure of the ball was being increased by viands and delicacies.

Following are the costumes of a few of the prominent ladies:

Mrs. Potter Palmer, golden yellow dress of soft plain satin; Mrs. H. N. Higginbotham, gray satin empire gown made in Vienna; Miss Higginbotham, a Paris gown of white satin, round neck trimmed with pink roses; Mrs. Lyman J. Gage, costume of green satin brocade in yellow and green; Mrs. Nelson A. Miles wore a handsome dress of pale blue satin, trimmed with point lace; Mrs. John M. Clark, French gown of white satin; her guest, Mrs. P. H. Sheridan, widow of General Sheridan, white colored silk trained, worn with violets.

## THE SCHOOLS OF CHICAGO

Observe Columbian Day—Attractive Program—Carried Out.

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—To-day witnessed two of the most important events in connection with the Columbian cere-

monials and the dedication of the World's Fair to be followed to-night by the magnificent inaugural reception and banquet in the Auditorium.

The first event was the celebration of "Columbus Day," by the school children of the city, and youthful enthusiasm was given the widest play. A committee representing the state and city superintendents had arranged a program for the celebration in the public schools, and the children executed this order of exercises with vim, when school opened. No union or concentration of pupils was attempted, but simultaneously in the scores of school buildings. The rooms in which the exercises were to take place were all decorated in a way appropriate to the occasion and commemorating the great discovery were given up to the doings of the happy little ones.

The first exercise was the reading of President Harrison's proclamation. This was followed by a flag raising and the pupils saluted the colors. They also pledged their allegiance to the flag in concert and sang "America." The next feature of the programme was reading of the Scriptures or some acknowledgment of the Divine Being. The school then joined in singing "Columbus Day," after which the programme was varied according to the grade.

In primary grades the little ones recited patriotic verses and sang little songs, while in the grammar and high school grades historical essays were read, declamations delivered and also singing. The next number on the programme was Joaquin Miller's song, "Columbus," as arranged by G. Blackman.

In the upper grades an address was read by one of the pupils, entitled "The Meaning of the Four Centuries." This was omitted in lower grades, as well as the ode "Columbus Banner," by Edna Dean Proctor. "The Flag of the Free," by the school, closed the exercises. The day was clear and cool, the cloudy murky conditions prevailing yesterday having entirely disappeared.

The city is gay with countless banners, a hearty welcome to the thousands of strangers who are elbowing each other in an effort to see as much of the city as possible while at her best.

## VISITORS AT THE GROUND.

Visitors to the World's Fair grounds were well repaid to-day by a scene of color, activity and animation. The ground in the vicinity of the mines and mining building and the transportation building swarmed with soldiers, regulars and national guardsmen.

Additional troops were arriving every hour. A battalion of infantry under command of Colonel Townsend, of Fort Leavenworth, arrived at noon to-day and went into quarters in the mines and mining building.

The well known Fifteenth from Fort Sheridan went into camp in the mines and mining building under the command of Col. Crofton.

A provisional regiment of fourteen companies of the Michigan National Guard arrived at noon under the command of Colonel Bowen.

The Iowa militia arrived in three special trains over the Burlington road. Milwaukee's light horse squadron reported to General Miles, after which they rode to Jackson Park. They made the entire distance to Chicago on horseback.

The idea of a military parade at night does not meet much favor at the city hall, notwithstanding the dissatisfaction at the practical exclusion of the general public from the military review at Jackson Park dedication day. Gen. Miles called on Mayor Washburne to-day to discuss the night parade plan. The mayor said that while the procession might be very acceptable to the public he doubted if the streets could be sufficiently illuminated, the crowds on the streets being so large that the work of arranging the lights cannot be done satisfactorily.

Whatever the outcome of the night parade project, there will be a military parade Saturday in the public streets where everybody, whether a governor or an ordinary citizen, can see. This has been positively decided to-day at a conference between Gen. Rees, Gen. Fitzgibbon, Col. Koch and Thomas B. Bryan. The Illinois National Guards took the lead in this matter and General Rees issued invitations to all of the state guards present to take part in the parade. The invitation will also be extended to the United States troops. Aside from the federal soldiers, 14,000 state troops will participate, making the largest massing of the national guards on record.

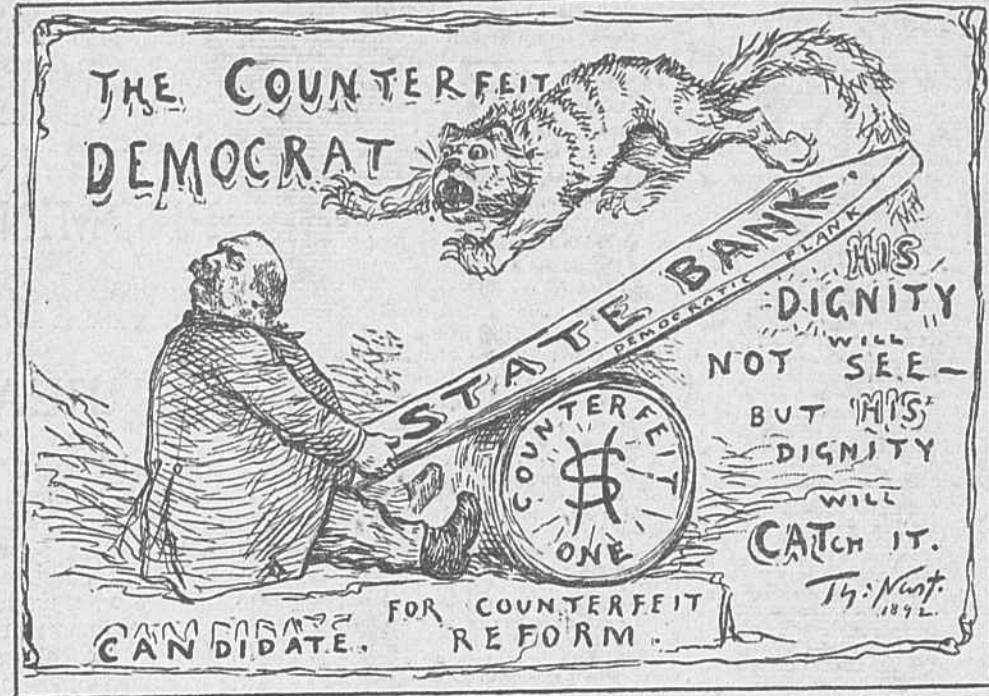
## GEN. MILES'S TALK.

In an interview this evening General Miles is quoted as making this tart talk: "I want to say that the press of Chicago has insulted the vice president, supreme court and all the other distinguished men. The papers have said the people do not care a continental about seeing these hundreds of distinguished visitors as they are escorted from the Auditorium to Jackson Park, but would rather see a lot of infantry marching at a funeral pace. As a matter of fact the parade from the Auditorium, consisting of the distinguished guests in carriages escorted by 1,500 cavalry and artillery, will be a fine military display. It will be a procession three miles in length. There has been talk of a military parade Saturday, but the troops from the different states will be wanted at the dedication of the state buildings.

General Miles said the federal troops could not take part in a parade Saturday as President Harrison's order limited their stay in Chicago to two days. It is estimated this evening that in the civic parade which will take place to-morrow at least 100,000 men will be in line, under the direction of Gen. Joseph Stockton and General Miles. The procession will include all the distinguished guests in the city, police, (mounted and afoot,) the city officials and hundreds of societies. The men will march in double rank, twenty file formation, and it is estimated that the parade will be five hours passing a given point. Reviewing stands have been erected on Adams street, postoffice square, and at the corner of State and Washington streets.

## THE DECORATIONS.

For three days Chicago is to be given over to pageantry and pleasure, and the indications are that the attending ceremonies, formal and informal, official and social, will be witnessed by nearly half a million people from abroad. Elaborate arrangements have been made to give the ceremonies of dedication



## GRADUALLY SINKING.

Mrs. Harrison's Case Hopeless, but She May Live for Several Weeks.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 19.—Nervous symptoms in Mrs. Harrison's case have been more pronounced than usual during the past three or four days. The natural tendency of the disease is to a slow but steady decline and the gradual loss of vitality is so slight from day to day that frequently hardly any change in her condition is noticeable. While the hopelessness of her case is conceded, her vitality is still so great that regardless of the possibility of a change for the better, there is no danger of an immediate crisis save for the always possible appearance of additional complications. Her physician, Dr. Gardner, is authority for the statement that she may linger for several weeks in her present state and that no possible complication would terminate fatally in less than forty-eight hours. Telegrams were received from Indianapolis, Chicago and New York this morning saying that it was reported in those cities that Mrs. Harrison was dead and Private Secretary Halford was kept busy for an hour or so officially denying the reports.

## AT HOMESTEAD.

Non-Union Men Assaulted—One of Them Robbed—The Situation.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 19.—Three non-union men were assaulted at Homestead last night and badly beaten. One was robbed. The result is that the force of deputies is to be increased at night, for the borough police afford no assistance in the protection. About 2 o'clock the rapid discharge of a revolver on Fourth Avenue aroused the people. John Meehling, a non-union man, was found afterwards on the sidewalk, bleeding from a wound in the head; he held a revolver in his hand, and stated that he had been assaulted on his way home by two men, one of whom knocked him down with a club. The other jumped on his stomach. Though stunned, Meehling drew a revolver and fired. The men ran away on the second shot, though neither was shot.

Deputy sheriffs hastened to the scene of the shooting and they saw that borough policeman Wall was there and was about to arrest Meehling for discharging firearms in the city limits. He was, however, dissuaded but seized the revolver. David Williams was assaulted and beaten about the face in a saloon near Eighth avenue and Dickson street. Williams' father is a roller in the 10-inch mill and went to the saloon for a glass of beer when he was assaulted by strikers, but escaped. His son David hearing of his father's peril went to his assistance and was set upon and beaten by three men. Logan Jones, inspector in the 119-inch mill, was knocked down and his head was cut by a blow from behind as he was on his way home from the mill about one o'clock this morning. Augustus Gibbs was beaten and robbed of \$4 at City Farm Saturday.

There was no change in the general wage situation this morning. No new men came in or did any of the present employees leave. Manager Schwab has entered actively upon his work but has not as yet held out the expected olive branch which the people here seem to expect.

The advisory committee last night issued a statement concerning the publication that the strike is lost and stating that the men are in better shape than ever and are confident of victory. The committee also insists that several of the men reported to have gone to work are yet out.

## Eleven Deaths From Cholera.

BUDA PEST, Oct. 19.—Seventeen new cases of cholera and eleven deaths were reported in this city yesterday.

## CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

Notice has been served by the master cotton spinners on the cotton operatives of Darwen, Lancashire, of an intended reduction of wages.

The London Truth is authority for the statement that the late Lord Tennyson destroyed a mass of his letters and manuscripts a few years ago in a fit of alarm caused by his reading Prof. Froude's "Reminiscences of Thomas Carlyle."

A dispatch from Paris to the Renter Telegram Company says that the *Rapport*, *L'Indicateur* and other Radical journals, are jubilant over yesterday's debate in the chamber of deputies. They proclaim that the Carnaux strikers are victorious.

The *Chronicle* says that the decision of the United States supreme court in the Michigan electoral case is the most important and far-reaching pronouncement in years, and that it will probably eventuate in the downfall of the electoral college and in the election of the President by direct vote of the people.

In reference to the discovery of a case of pseudo-pneumonia among American cattle at Depford, the London *Times* says: "Secretary Rusk has long been playing a game of bluff with the English authorities. The discovery in this case shows that the fact that no disease has been reported to Washington is not proof of its non-existence."

## TRAGEDY AT DUNLOW.

A Well Known Man Shoots a Desperado in Self Defense.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Oct. 19.—The town of Dunlow, thirty miles in the interior, was the scene of a murder last night. John Thompson was shot through the heart by Mr. Thornbury in the latter's drug store. The affair was the outcome of a quarrel between the families of the two men. About 7 o'clock, while Thornbury was filling a prescription, Thompson entered the store and picking up a tobacco cleaver said, "I am going to kill you." Thornbury pulled his gun and killed Thompson instantly. The sentiment in Dunlow is that the killing was justifiable.

Thompson was one of three brothers who some years ago killed one of the famous McCays, of Logan county. All three spent terms in the penitentiary. John Thompson was considered a dangerous character. Thornbury is a peaceable citizen and a prominent Mason and Odd Fellow. No arrests have been made up to noon to-day.

## VERY BAD TASTE.

Democrats in Grafton Display Mrs. Cleveland's Picture in a Parade.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

GRAFTON, W. VA., Oct. 19.—Josiah Patterson, congressman from Tennessee, addressed a Democratic meeting here to-night. Preliminary to the speaking there was a parade in which a few torches, small boys and a band of music were indiscriminately blended, while an oil portrait of Mrs. Cleveland was conspicuously carried in the procession.

The bad taste displayed in presenting Mrs. Cleveland on canvas as a special feature of a political parade is an eloquent commentary in itself. The speech of Mr. Patterson, like that of all the radical Democratic addresses here, will help the Republican cause in Taylor county.

## A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Three Hundred Children Fall With a Tier of Seats—The Carpenter Blamed.

WEST WINSTED, CONN., Oct. 19.—Eight hundred pupils of the public schools, with principals and teachers, marched through the streets and went to the rink to practice chorus singing on national airs for the big Columbus day celebration. Temporary seats were erected in the tiers to the height of 15 feet to hold one thousand children. They were being seated on the upper seats and the first 400 had been seated, when the five tops rows collapsed. Three hundred children fell to the floor in a heap and the wreck and their screams caused a panic among the others, who escaped. None were fatally hurt. The smallest children, those from five to twelve years old, occupied the top seats, which had evidently been carelessly constructed. The community is excited and indignant, and there have been threats of lynching carpenter Curtis, while there are said to be many law suits in store for him.

## DR. BRIGGS'S CASE.

The Commission to Settle It Appointed by the Synod.

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 19.—The Presbyterian synod convened this morning, Moderator Parsons presiding. The reports on work of the past year were submitted from the different Presbyteries as well as reports from the several committees. The moderator then announced the members of the judicial committee which is to pass on the complaint of Dr. Briggs, as follows:

Clergymen: J. Merrill Miller, of Ogdensburg; James Gardner, of Gloversville; Josiah E. Kittredge, of Genesee; Cassius H. Dibble, of Perry, N. Y.; George B. Spalding, of Syracuse; David F. Bonner, of Florida, Orange county; Robert D. Sproull, of Brooklyn; John V. C. Nellis, of Union, Broome county. Elders: Stanton Cady, of Sing Sing; James L. Stark, of Camden, N. Y.; Horace Briggs, of Buffalo; Andrew S. Long, of Romulus, N. Y.; Alfred B. Smith, of Poughkeepsie; Levi T. Hamilton, of Bridgeport, N. Y.; William R. Hulbert, of Leroy, N. Y.

The complaint of Dr. Briggs will not come up in the synod until it has been passed upon by the judicial committee. The judicial committee met after the noon recess and took up the appeals of Dr. Briggs and Dr. McLeod. The latter's appeal was referred to a sub-committee of three.

## Phenomenal Time for Nancy.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct. 19.—The track was a trifle heavy and the air was not favorable to-day for record breaking. In an effort to beat her former record, 2:04, Nancy Hanks went a mile in 2:05, which was phenomenal time, considering the condition of the track and weather.

## Steamship News.

Boston, Oct. 19.—Arrived, Norseman and Lancastrian, Liverpool.

New York, Oct. 19.—Arrived, Havel, Bremen.

## TO COLORED VOTERS.

The National Colored Protective Association Adjourns

AFTER ISSUING A STRONG ADDRESS

To the Voters of their Race in this Country—The Democratic Party Has Sought to Nullify Every Constitutional Provision Intended to Secure the Negro the Rights of Citizenship—The Republican Party Made the Colored Man a Citizen and Protected Him.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 19.—The National Colored Protective Association, which has been in session the past two days, to-day issued an address to the colored voters of the United States. It says substantially: "Since the mantle of citizenship fell upon our shoulders the Democratic party, born in iniquity, has by diverse means sought to nullify every constitutional provision which was intended to secure us in the rights of citizenship. By these methods a free ballot and a fair count has become a hollow mockery. Life, liberty and property, so far as we are concerned, are taken from us without the process of law. In sections of country under Democratic domination the auction block and slave pen have gone only to give place to the midnight maulaude and the red handed assassin, while the fraud and corruption perpetrated on us go untouched by the hand of the law. Without remedy in the courts our only safe guard is the ballot. It behooves us, therefore, to use that ballot wisely and well.

"The Republican party made us citizens, and every effort of that party has been to protect us in that citizenship. In fact it is now and ever has been the friend of the oppressed.

"We oppose the position of the Democratic party on the currency question. The Republican party is now, as it always has been, in favor of a sound currency. In view of all these facts we believe that the best interests not only of our race, but the whole nation be subserved by an adherence to and support of the Republican party."

The league elected the following officers:

President, Stephen B. Gibson, Pennsylvania; vice-presidents—S. J. Howard, of Kentucky; F. H. Morris, Illinois, and Geo. T. Knox, of Indiana. Secretary, J. A. Jones, of Pennsylvania; assistant secretary, Warren McGuinn, Maryland; treasurer, Perry Carson, Washington, D. C.

Executive committee—Allen Dudley, Indiana; W. H. Brown, Michigan; Judge Bird, Illinois; C. J. Perry, Pennsylvania, and S. E. Smith, of Kentucky.

## REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS

In New York the scene of Great Activity Speakers Arranging Dates.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—The closing days of the campaign at Republican national headquarters are very busy ones. Mr. Hahn, in charge of the speaker's bureau, was overwhelmed with callers to-day. Among them was Chauncey M. Depew, who called to make arrangements for his western trip. Mr. Whitelaw Reid and Mr. Depew will address a meeting at Indianapolis on the 26th. Minister Robert T. Lincoln, who likewise called on Mr. Hahn, was assigned to make three speeches in Indiana next week, the dates to be arranged by the state committee.

Mr. Hahn has plans for one or two meetings for Mr. Reid in New Jersey and two or three in Connecticut, after which the candidate for vice president will give his time to the canvass in New York. Mr. Blaine has not yet visited Chairman Carter at his uptown bureau. He is, however, kept well informed about what is going on there. Joseph Manley, of Maine, Mr. Blaine's closest political friend, has paid his respects to Mr. Carter at least twice a day since Mr. Blaine came to town. Mr. Manley also spends a great part of his time with the ex-secretary. Since he came here Mr. Blaine has kept himself very quiet, receiving only a few intimate friends, such as Mr. Murat Halstead, Mr. Manley, Senator Hale and Whitelaw Reid. He remains in the hotel most of the day, taking a walk or a carriage ride in the afternoon.

## A HAMBURG DISASTER.

Fourteen Men Probably Killed by the Collapse of a Sewer.

HAMBURG, Oct. 19.—A large sewer in course of construction in the Steinwaerder quarter of this city caved in this morning, burying fourteen workmen. The accident occurred without any warning whatever, and the men at work in that part of the sewer had no opportunity to escape.

Gangs of men were at once set to work to dig out their unfortunate fellow workmen but their efforts are greatly hampered by the heavy timbers that lie in every direction in the fallen earth and rock. It is believed that any of the buried men are alive.

## Friends' Conference.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Oct. 19.—At the opening of the Friends' conference this morning the committee on organization reported the following officers:

President, J. J. Mills, of Eastham College; vice president, Thomas C. Brown, of Kokomo; secretary, August Taber, of New York, and Emma Malone, of Cleveland; treasurer, Laura Tatum, of Iowa.

A communication asking Friends to take part in the congress of religions next year at Chicago, was referred to a committee.

"Our denominational literature" was the subject of a paper read this morning by Rev. Seth Mills, of Moravia, in which the needs of a live active church paper was strongly set forth.

## Weather Forecast for To-day.

For Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, fair; west winds.

For West Virginia, fair; slightly warmer; variable winds.

## TEMPERATURE YESTERDAY.

As furnished by C. Schaeffer, druggist, corner Market and Fourteenth streets.

7 a. m. 63 5 p. m. 70  
9 a. m. 65 7 p. m. 64  
12 m. 60 Weather—Changeable.